

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 46-50 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. The dependency of claim 46 has been changed to address the alleged problem.

Claims 3-17, 19-28, 32, 33, 35-45 and 47-50 each stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 3, 19, 20, 35 and 47 have been rewritten in independent form so as to be allowable. The remaining claims objected to each depends directly or indirectly from one of the rewritten claims 3, 20, 35 and 47.

Claims 1, 2, 18, 29-31, 34, 46, 51 and 52 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,183,024, to Schultz et al (Schultz). Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Schultz.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 18, 19, 29-31, 34 and 46-52 is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to characterize the actuating system as comprising an actuating element that is pivotable relative to the base to thereby cause the first link to move from the first position into the second position.

Schultz does not teach or suggest any corresponding actuating element. Schultz would have to be completely redesigned to arrive at the structure in amended claim 1. Such a redesign would only be motivated by applicant's own disclosure.

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed allowable.

Claims 2, 18, 19 and 29-31 depend cognately from claim 1 and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over Schultz.

Claim 34 has been amended similarly to claim 1. The arguments advanced relative to the allowability of claim 1 apply equally to claim 34.

Claims 46, 51 and 52 depend cognately from claim 34 and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over Schultz.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 18, 29-31, 34 and 46-52, and allowance of the case are requested.

Enclosed is the extra claim fee of \$400.00. Should additional fees be required in connection with this matter, please charge our deposit account No. 23-0785.

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